



USDA Forest Service

Dakota Prairie Grasslands

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Trail and Campground Update

McKenzie Ranger District: (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Watford City, ND

Campgrounds: CCC, Summit, Sather Lake, Bennett Campgrounds are open. There is no potable water at CCC, Bennett, and Sather Lake pending water sample results. There is no water at Summit. Horses are not allowed at Sather Lake.

Trails: Maah Daah Hey is in decent shape to river crossing except for a some trail slumping between mile marker 80-83, there is a protruding rock near mile 93 that may be difficult to pass with stock. Long X trail has some slumping. Wolf and Bennett trails are open; Cottonwood trail was re-built in the fall of 2013 and is open. Summit trail is closed.

Restrictions: No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

Medora Ranger District (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

Campgrounds: Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Buffalo Gap, Coal Creek, Burning Coal Vein, and Whitetail are open. Buffalo Gap is getting a new pressurized water system and **no** water, showers, or flush toilets are available. The vault toilets are still open. There is no potable water at Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Coal Creek, or Burning Coal Vein pending water sample results. There is no water at Whitetail. Picnic tables were installed last fall at Coal Creek, fire rings are planned to be installed in May.

Trails: Maah Daah Hey is open from Sully Creek State Park and North with some trail issues from mile 30-38 and 42-45. Be aware of river levels this time of year at both crossings. The Maah Daah Hey is open South from Bully Pulpit TH to Burning Coal Vein. Buffalo Gap and Ice Caves are open.

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Sheyenne Ranger District: (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

Campgrounds: Hankinson Hills is open, potable water is available.

Trails: North Country National Scenic Trail, Hankinson Hills trail, all trails open.

Grand River Ranger District (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

Trail: Blacktail Trail and Picnic Area are open and in good shape.

Other Reminders:

Maah Daah Hey Trail System Grand Opening will be held **June 7-14, 2014**.

Please be prepared for changing weather conditions.

Ticks and snakes inhabit the area.

If you have issues, concerns, comments or updates please let us know (please include date, time and location). For more information please contact 701-989-7300 or visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie.